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ARIZONA EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT & HEALTH BOARD SOUTH PHOENIX REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the First Things First South Phoenix Regional Partnership Council; Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board was held on September 15, 2009 at Cartwright Elementary School District in the Boardroom; 3401 North 67th Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85033

Vice Chair James Washington called the meeting to order at 4:44 p.m. A brief welcome by Vice Chair Washington and introduction of Council Members, First Things First Staff, and guests in attendance took place.

Council Members in Attendance: James Washington, Vice Chair; Reverend Rosalind Polston, Member; Cindy Segotta Jones, Member; Moises Gallegos, Member; Dr. Eva Marie Shivers, Member.

Council Members Present by Phone: Dr. Patricia Merk, Member; Mary Thomson, Member.

Member Not in Attendance: Dr. William Ellert, Member.

UPDATES: Member Gallegos advised of the Head Start expansion, Vice Chair Washington gave an update on the September 10, 2009 Chair/Vice Chair meeting, Member Segotta-Jones requested that the Council monthly meeting dates be updated.

2. **DISCUSSION OF AGENDA; APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:** Member Dr. Patricia Merk declared conflict and excused herself from Developmental Screening. Dr. Eva Marie Shivers for the record was present by phone. Dr. Eva Marie Shivers, member moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 4, 2009 with the proposed changes, second by council member Rosalind Polston, all in favor, motion carried.
3. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** No public comments.
4. **EMERGENCY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM UPDATE:** Coordinator Gonzales informed the Council that there is a significant amount of money available to the South Phoenix Region that will be expended by the end of November/early December. The Council will be updated on this item after Coordinator Gonzales sets something up with Jill Stevens either through an email or presentation.
5. **ATTENDANCE POLICY:** The State Board passed the attendance policy effective September 1, 2009 and is requesting that the Regional Councils incorporate the attendance policy into their Governance Policy. Member Gallegos moved to approve the attendance Policy into the South Phoenix Regional Partnership Council's Governance Policy, second by Member Segotta-Jones, all in favor, no discussion; motion carried.

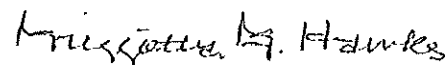
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- 6. FUNDING PLAN/STRATEGY UPDATES/DISCUSSION:** Coordinator Gonzales informed the Council that there will be a second meeting in which the Council will concentrate on the amount of money available, coordination and collaboration. Detailed work will need to be done before the October 26, 2009 deadline when the Funding Plan will be forwarded to the manager then the State Board for their approval. Coordinator Gonzales went through Understanding the 2010/2011 Process Discussion of where the Council is now which included carry forward, review of the operational plan, goals, strategies, and new needs and assets.


A possible strategy was discussed of building up the leadership in the South Region to include grant writing. Dr. Shivers said she would look for ideas and templates. The Council would like to see the smaller agencies compete for funding available. Also discussed was Patchwork, lack of coordination of services, and capacity building.

- 7. NEXT MEETING DATES/TIMES/LOCATIONS:** Coordinator Gonzales will facilitate through doodle to determine which day would be best for the Council to meet for the special half day meeting.
- 8. ADJOURN:** Member Gallegos moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:05 p.m., seconded by Member Segotta-Jones, all in favor, meeting adjourned.

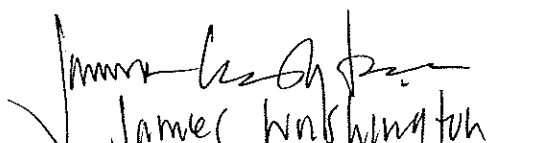
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